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An Act for Preſerving the Privileges of Ambaſſadors, and other Publick Miniſters of Foreign Princes and States.

WHereas ſeveral turbulent and diſorderly Perſons having in a moſt outragious manner inſulted the Perſon of his Excellency *Andrew Artemonowitz Mattueof*, Ambaſſador Extraordinary of his Czariſh Majeſty, Emperor of *Great Ruſſia*, Her Majeſty's good Friend and Ally, by Arreſting him, and taking him by Violence out of his Coach in the publick Street, and detaining him in Cuſtody for ſeveral Hours, in Contempt of the Protection granted by Her Majeſty, contrary to the Law of Nations, and in prejudice of the Rights and Privileges which Ambaſſadors and other publick Miniſters, authorized and received as ſuch, have at all times been thereby poſſeſſed of, and ought to be kept ſacred and inviolable; Be it therefore declared by the Queen's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That all Actions and Suits, Writs and Proceſſes commenced, ſued or proſecuted againſt the ſaid Ambaſſador by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, and all Bail Bonds given by the ſaid Ambaſſador, or any other Perſon or Perſons on his behalf, and all Recognizances of Bail given or acknowledged in any ſuch Action or Suit, and all Proceedings upon, or by pretext or colour of any ſuch Action or Suit, Writ or Proceſs, and all Judgments had thereupon, are utterly Null and Void, and ſhall be deemed and adjudged to be utterly Null and Void, to all Intents, Conſtructions and Purpoſes whatſoever.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Entries, Proceedings and Records againſt the ſaid Ambaſſador, or his Bail, ſhall be vacated and cancelled.

And to prevent the like Inſolencies for the future, Be it further Declared by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Writs and Proceſſes, that ſhall at any time hereafter be Sued forth or Proſecuted, whereby the Perſon of any Ambaſſador, or other Publick Miniſter of any Foreign Prince or State, authorized and received as ſuch by Her Majeſty, Her Heirs or Succeſſors, or the Domeſtick, or Domeſtick Servant of any ſuch Ambaſſador, or other Publick Miniſter, may be arreſted or impriſoned, or his or their Goods or Chattels may be diſtrained, ſeized or attached, ſhall be deemed and adjudged to be utterly null and void to all Intents, Conſtructions and Purpoſes whatſoever.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall preſume to Sue forth or Proſecute any ſuch Writ or Proceſs, ſuch Perſon and Perſons, and all Attorneys and Solicitors proſecuting and ſoliciting in ſuch caſe, and all Officers executing any ſuch Writ or Proceſs, being thereof convicted, by the Confeſſion of the Party, or by the Oath of one or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, the Chief Juſtice of the Court of Queens Bench, the Chief Juſtice of the Court of Common-Pleas for the time being, or any two of them, ſhall be deemed Violaters of the Laws of Nations, and Diſturbers of the Publick Repoſe, and ſhall ſuffer ſuch Pains, Penalties and Corporal Puniſhment, as the ſaid Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, and the ſaid Chief Juſtices, or any two of them ſhall judge fit to be impoſed and inflicted.

Provided, and be it Declared, That no Merchant or other Trader whatſoever, within the Deſcription of any of the Statutes againſt Bankrupts, who hath or ſhall put himſelf into the Service of any ſuch Ambaſſador or Publick Miniſter, ſhall have or take any manner of Benefit by this Act, and that no Perſon ſhall be proceeded againſt as having arreſted the Servant of an Ambaſſador or Publick Miniſter, by vertue of this Act, unleſs the Name of ſuch Servant be firſt Regiſtred in the Office of one of the Principal Secretaries of State, and by ſuch Secretary tranſmitted to the Sheriffs of *London* and *Middleſex* for the time being, or their Under-Sheriffs or Deputies, who ſhall, upon the Receipt thereof, hang up the ſame in ſome Publick Place in their Offices, whereto all Perſons may reſort, and take Copies thereof without Fee or Reward.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That this Act ſhall be taken and allowed in all Courts within this Kingdom as a publick Act; And that all Judges and Juſtices ſhall take notice of it without ſpecial Pleading; And all Sheriffs, Bailiffs and other Officers and Miniſters of Juſtice concerned in the Execution of Proceſs, are hereby required to have regard to this Act, as they will anſwer the contrary at their Peril.

Lisbon, May 4. N. S. Letters from the Camp on the Caya, of the 26th of April laſt, tell us, that the Army under the Command of the Earl of Galway marched on the 23d, and encamp'd at Cancan, about a League from Elvas. The 26th the Army moved again, and encamped on the Caya, about 3 Leagues from Elvas, and two from the Enemy, who lay on the Left of Badajos. Our Army conſiſts of about 17000 Foot, and 5000 Horſe, and appears in very good Order. According to the Accounts we have receiv'd from Deſerters we are in number much ſuperior to the Enemy.

Berne, May 4. N. S. The Letters from Milan of the 27th paſt ſay, his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Savoy being reſolved to begin the Campaign betimes, had given Orders for the ſpeedy Preparation of every thing that was neceſſary, and that the Troops would ſoon march to the general Rendezvous; that thoſe who had been detached for Barcelona, were ſtill at Final, their departure from thence being uncertain, by reaſon that Admiral Byng, who was to have taken them under his Convoy, was gone with his Squadron to the Relief of the Caſtle of Alicant. A general Dyet of the Thirteen Cantons is ſummon'd to meet at Baden for the 15th Inſtant, upon the occaſion of the Affair of Tockembourg, which ſeems to grow every day more perplexed.

Bruſſels, May 13. N. S. Prince Eugene went from hence on the 11th for the Hague, in order to meet his Grace the Duke of Marlborough at that Place. On the 8th another great Convoy, conſiſting of 100 Veſſels laden with all ſorts of Proviſion and Forage, ſet forward from Ghent towards Courtray, Menin and Liſle. Letters from Paris of the 10th ſay, the Duke of Noailles was gone for Rouſſillon, to take upon him the Command of the Troops in that Country. The Duke of Orleans has deferred ſetting out for Spain; and ſome Advices ſay, he returns no more into that Kingdom. The firſt Battalion of the French and Swiſs Guards began their March on the 9th towards the Frontiers. The want of Corn is ſo great throughout the Kingdom of France, that frequent Tumults happen in all the great Towns, notwithſtanding the Care of the Magiſtracy to prevent ſuch Diſorders. The Troops of the Allies are marching from all Quarters, in order to the aſſembling the Army, and taking the Field with all expedition. Letters from Madrid dated April the 23d ſay, that on the 20th Inſtant the Duke and Dutcheſs of Anjou, and the Prince of Aſturias, returned from Buen-Retiro, and made their Publick Entry into that City with great Pomp and Magnificence. The Chevalier d'Haſelt hath had divers Conferences ſince his arrival with the

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